

IN THE CLAIMS:

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BT 1. (Twice Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:
removing means for removing a recording medium from the medium fixing member, said recording medium being fixed to a medium fixing member such that an active surface of the recording medium is facing to the medium fixing member,

wherein the removing means has a removing claw, the removing claw having a rectangular cross section with a height reduced toward a tip, and a distal end portion comprising both ends of an upper side of the rectangle, which are rounded and have a non-curvilinear portion provided in-between.

82 2. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the rounded portion has a radius of curvature of $r = 1$ [mm] or more and an upper face of the tip has a face pressure of 1 [KPa] or less received from the recording medium being removed.

83 4. (Amended) A removing claw for removing a toner sheet or an image receiving sheet from a medium fixing member, wherein a cross section has a rectangle with a height reduced toward a tip, and a distal end portion comprising both ends of an upper side of the rectangle, which are rounded and have a non-curvilinear portion provided in-between.

5. (Amended) The removing claw according to claim 4, wherein the rounded portion has a radius of curvature of $r = 1$ [mm] or more and an upper face of the tip has a face pressure of 1 [KPa] or less received from the recording medium being removed.

7. (Twice Amended) A recording method utilizing a recording apparatus having a removing claw comprising:

fixing the image receiving sheet onto the medium fixing member, said image receiving sheet having an image receiving layer to receive an image of a recorded image;

fixing the toner sheet onto the image receiving sheet; and

removing the toner sheet or the image receiving sheet from the medium fixing member using a removing claw, the removing claw having a rectangular cross section with a height reduced toward a tip, and a distal end portion comprising both ends of an upper side of the rectangle, which are rounded and have a non-curvilinear portion provided in-between, such that the toner sheet or the image receiving sheet applies a pressure to an upper face of the removing claw including the rounded ends of the upper side upon removal.